

BA 1961

DAVID HOUSE

c1918

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

The present David house was built about 1918 as an additional structure on the properties of William H. Whetcraft, who had a larger house adjoining on the north. Originally listed in the tax ledger as a 13 by 16-foot, one-story dwelling, it served for 38 years as the residence of John Gonser, who was apparently a single man. William H. and Naomi Stiffler acquired the house in 1958. It has been subsequently enlarged by a frame wing that presents a 6-light picture window to the York Road. This is a plain, vernacular style, frame structure covered with white composition shingles.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC DAVID HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

21,600 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Delores David

Telephone #: Not listed.

STREET & NUMBER

21,600 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21105

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: OTG 5181

Folio #: 765

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**BA-1961  
DAVID HOUSE**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The David House is a small, plain, one-story, vernacular style structure of three elements: main block, rear wing, and south wing. It first appeared on the tax records as a 13 by 16-foot dwelling apparently sufficient for the single man who lived there for 38 years. The house was subsequently enlarged with a much smarter-looking southern wing.

The older portion of the house presents its gable end to the road and is two bays wide on the east or road facade. The windows are recent aluminum-framed replacements of 1-over-1 layout. At attic level, the gable peak window is a full-sized sash window of 1-over-1 format similar to those at first-floor level. The north wall of the main block is without windows, but in the low, one-story rear kitchen wing, there is a single 1-over-1 sash window in the north wall.

The south wing presents a large, 6-pane picture window to the street.

Roofing is of two types and generations of rubber shingle material. The eaves overhang slightly on each of the three roof areas.

Outer wall covering is white composition shingle.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is an extremely small, vernacular style house, but one old enough to list when encountered in a town under survey. Tax records would suggest that the building was put up by William H. Whetcraft about 1918, or perhaps in 1917, as the house was not added to Whetcraft's account in the 1911 series of tax ledgers. (1) Whetcraft had two other houses on the main street in Maryland Line village and this structure was his only one-story dwelling, described on its first appearance as:

Dwg 13 x 16 1 story \$146.  
1 Outbuilding \$25.

The small, boxlike dwelling stood on a half-acre lot originally surveyed in 1909. In 1920, Whetcraft, listed as a native of New Freedom, Pennsylvania, sold this lot for \$550 to John Gonser. (2) Gonser had been found in tax records of 1919 as a resident of Maryland Line, but then owned no property, being then taxed on \$500 worth of furniture. (3)

Gonser was found with the same small house valued at \$200 and at \$250 in the tax ledgers of 1923 and of 1928-1940. (4) He lived there until his death, and his executor sued the "unknown heirs of John Gonser" in 1958 and finding none, sold the house to William H. and Naomi Stiffler. (5) Mrs. Stiffler conveyed to Delores David in 1970. (6)

## NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 834.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 527:32.
3. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 539.
4. B.C. Tax Ledgers, 1923, f. 811, 497; 1928-1940, f. 795.
5. B.C. Deeds, GLB 3333:468.
6. B.C. Deeds, OTG 5181:765. William H. Stiffler had died on July 24, 1960.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Deeds and Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 39.6 sq. perches**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

S17°E 5.6 perches along York Road  
S70½°W 7. "  
N16½ W 5.8 "  
N71½ E 6.9 " to the York Road.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE  
NONECOUNTY  
NONE**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

July 23, 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3521

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
ENGINEERS

DAVID HOUSE

BA 1961

RA  
VA  
DGR

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
NEW FREEDOM





DAVID HOUSE BA 1961  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, Oct 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) and north facades